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TAGS: CASC (WILSON, JAMES WILLIAM)

SUBJECT:DETENTION OF JAMES WILLIAM WILSON

REFS: (A) STATE 198585, (B) LOME 1825

1. SENATORS STENNIS AND EASTLAND INTERESTED.
2. WILSON'S MOTHER HAS TELEGRAMMED PRESIDENT FORD ASKING FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SON'S RELEASE. WHITE HOUSE PLANS SEND CABLE TO MOTHER STATING THAT ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS OF SECURING WILSON'S RELEASE ARE BEING PURSUED. AF/W HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH WILSON'S SISTER, AS WELL AS SENATOR STENNIS' OFFICE. WHILE PATIENCE OF BOTH IS STARTING TO WEAR, THEY BOTH AGREE THAT LOW-KEY APPROACHES TO CERTAIN GOT OFFICIALS HAVE BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS THAN FORMAL PROTEST.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: POST CONTINUE CLOSE MONITORING OF DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE, AND REPORT ANY PROGRESS ASAP. IN ADDITION, WOULD REQUEST THAT EMBASSY DETERMINE: A) WHAT PROMPTED WILSON CABLE TO SISTER O/A AUGUST 8, B) STATE
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OF HIS MORALE, AND C) IF HE DESIRES A MEMBER OF

HIS FAMILY TO TRAVEL TO TOGO TO OFFER SUPPORT AND
ASSISTANCE (SISTER MOST LIKELY POSSIBILITY).

4. REF B JUST RECEIVED. DEPARTMENT NOTES WILSON HIMSELF
FEELS PROTEST NOT APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

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